

Washington State Need Grant

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IMPACT of Initial House 2011-13 Budget Proposal

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House Proposed 2011-13 Budget

- Increases award amounts for neediest students served proportionate to tuition and fee increases.
- Maintains 70% median family income (MFI) cutoff
- Eliminates SNG funding for the private career sector. Provides funding for existing recipients.
- Benchmarks the private four year institutions' award value to the public regional institutions instead of the public research institutions.

Impacts of House Proposed Cuts

- There would be no SNG awards to new SNG recipients in the proprietary sector. There are about 2,500 students in the private career sector. This sector comprises 3% of current SNG recipients and 2% of funding. This budget assumes that half of the current recipients in this sector will continue to receive funding to complete their program.
- About 4,400 students in the private four-year sector would receive reduced SNG awards. The impact of benchmarking to regional awards instead of research awards is \$2,548 per student.. The private four-year sector comprises 6% of SNG recipients and 11% of funding.
- Students who are no longer eligible or who have reduced awards would experience reduced access to higher education and potentially increased student indebtedness.

*Comparison of proposed budgets**

	Governor	House
Award keeps pace with tuition and fees	Yes	Yes
Tuition/fee increases: research/WWU; regional; CTC	9%/10%/11%	13%/11.5%/11%
Median family income cutoff	70% MFI	70% MFI
Impact to private four year sector	N/A	Reduces awards
Impact to private career sector	N/A	Eliminates awards
Number of students affected by changes	N/A	7,000

* **Please note:** This brief reflects the impacts associated with the initial House budget proposal, as offered by the Chair of the House Ways & Means committee. The final budget will not be released until the conference budget is agreed to by the House and Senate.

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